G.O. No. 474, Revenue, dated 15th March 1933 and G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933 which have ordered the levy of additional taxation, water charge and cess on the existing irrigated wet and dry lands in the old delta including minor inams and proprietary estates; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have called for a report from the Board of Revenue in the matter. The Board's report is awaited.

The attention of the hon. Member is, in this connexion, invited to G.O. No. 1569 (29-S), Revenue, dated 9th July 1935 (which has been placed at the disposal of the Press) in which concessional rates for water-cess and second-crop charge have been sanctioned for fasli 1345.

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government have passed orders on the report submitted by a committee which went into the question of allocating capital expenditure between the new Cauvery delta and the old delta?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I believe, Sir, the Board of Revenue is considering the matter."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"With reference to the reclassification of lands between the two settlements in the Cauvery delta on the basis that the delta is getting better off, there has been a complaint and I believe the memorial of the mirasidars also referred to that question, may I know whether Government are going to consider that aspect of the matter also before issuing orders?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"That aspect also is being considered, Sir."

Deputation of the Tanjore mirasidars of His Excellency the Governor in re the levy of additional taxation.

* 387 *Q.*—Mr. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the memorandum submitted on 26th April 1935 at Ootacamund to His Excellency the Governor by the deputation on behalf of the mirasidars of the Tanjore Delta for the cancellation and revocation of the three Government Orders, viz., G.O. No. 1853, Revenue, dated 5th September 1932, G.O. No. 474, Revenue, dated 15th March 1933 and G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933, which have ordered the levy of additional taxation, water charge and cess on the existing irrigated wet and dry lands in the old delta including minor inams and proprietary estates; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 386.